

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/816,992 filed on March 23, 2001. Claims 1-13 and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 and 20 are rejected.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10, 12, 13, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lappenbusch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,297,748). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections on the basis that Lappenbusch does not disclose: (1) the action of "receiving image data and associated position data from a client" (claims 1-10, 12, and 20); or (2) a server "adapted to receive image data and associated position data from a client" (claim 13).

Lappenbusch clearly states that the image and position data is not obtained from a client but rather from served resources. In column 3, lines 33-51, Lappenbusch makes clear that images are obtained from cameras that, in combination with sensors, make up a public highway monitoring system which is the resource served by the server. Each public highway monitoring system is described as including a server computer that serves information to requesting client devices.

Accordingly, in the manner that a file server manages associated file resources, a print server manages associated printing resources, and a database server manages associated database resources, Lappenbusch discloses a public highway monitoring system server that manages access to the monitoring system. All images discussed in Lappenbusch are obtained internal to the monitoring system. No images are received from a client device.

In column 4, line 49, to column 5, line 33, Lappenbusch describes and defines "client devices". According to the description, the client devices are "configured to receive sensor data and static camera images from the sensor computers" (Col. 4, lines 49-51), and are not described as being a source for supplying image data as is claimed by the applicants. Furthermore, Lappenbusch lists various client devices including display devices, computers, and the like, all of which are described as being recipients of data from the server rather than a source of image data.

A useful consequence of the applicants' claimed method and system that arises from the client's role as supplier or source of image and position data is that a user of the client may control acquisition and selection of data. A user of a client device in the Lappenbusch cannot acquire desired image data but is constrained to access whatever image data is available on the highway monitoring system.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lappenbusch et al in view of Official Notice. Applicants traverse the rejection on the basis that Claim 11 is allowable for the same reason as Claim 1.

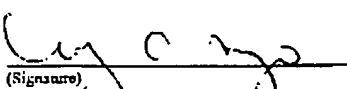
New Claims

New claims 21-25 are added to cover additional aspects of the methods and systems disclosed in the original specification. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

The application, including all remaining Claims 1-13, and 20, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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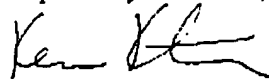


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